

Colonial Gardens
Dirigabore, Si. Jan. 27 1870

Sir

I have the honor to report as follows on Colonial Gardens for January 1870.

The Economic Ground has been commenced and is being actively pushed out as also the beds for plants for supplying out from the beds for the new Palm Clumps have been started out, and some plants out in as also are arrived to the Mount House plants.

Several beds on the upper terraces have been planted and others are being cleared as fast as possible.

Large quantities of soil have been carted from the beds which formerly occupied the place now being taken up by the Palm Clumps.

The drains have been engaged in laying down a drain on one side of a road leading from the Mount House towards the Office.

Contributions of plants and soil

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have been received from the Botanic
Gardens of Jamaica, Mauritius and
Christiansburg and 1082 plants have been
distributed up to this date

It is again my unpleasant duty
to report the theft of some rare ferns
from the herbarium, some of which were
unique in our collection, and only
acquired procured by some considerable
trouble and I fear that if the thefts
continue I shall be compelled to
demolish the herbarium and keep
the ferns in pots, away from the
light & rivet, as nothing can be
more disheartening than to have the
plants torn up by the roots, after they
have been introduced from a great
distance and whose rarity caused
them to be highly prized

A Report from the Director of the
Geological Dept. is appended.

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